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1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR PRIME MINISTER PALME'S OFFICIAL VISITS IN JUNE TO MEXICO, VENEZUELA AND CUBA JUNE 21-JUNE 30.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT STATES:

"THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO MEXICO WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ. THE VISIT WILL LAST BETWEEN JUNE 21 AND JUNE 23. ON JUNE 24 THE PRIME MINISTER WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY.

" AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ OF VENEZUELA, PRIME MINISTER PALME WILL THEREAFTER MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO VENEZUELA BETWEEN JUNE 25 AND JUNE 27.

" AT THE INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO, PRIME MINISTER PALME WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CUBA BETWEEN JUNE 28 AND JUNE 30. "

3. SWEDISH TV FEBRUARY 6 CARRIED HALF-HOUR INTERVIEW BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN TV TEAM (NEC-TRICONTINENTAL FILMS, NEW YORK)

AND FIDEL CASTRO, DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS HAVING BEEN PRESENTED
OVER AMERICAN TV IN 1974. INTERVIEW NOTABLE FOR SOMEWHAT
CONTRIVED BY-PLAY IN WHICH CASTRO OFFERS KUDOS TO
SECRETARY KISSINGER AS REALISTIC STATESMAN BENT ON SERVING
PEACE AND DETENTE, GENTLY CONTRADICTING AMERICAN INTERVIEWER
WHO PLAYS "HEAVY" BY ASKING LOADED QUESTIONS ABOUT CHILE.
PROGRAM ALSO FEATURES CASTRO-JEAN DANIEL LINE THAT KENNEDY
WANTED TO RECONSIDER CUBA POLICY SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH.
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